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1. Prior to November 1950, the old barracks installation west of Wolnosci (Liberty) Square, Bielsko Biala (Q 50/X 88), quartered several company-size units of female SP (Labor Service) personnel who were 17 or 18 years old. They normally served for two months, but could volunteer for a longer period. The SP women, who gave the impression of being well disciplined, were primarily assigned to work in the weaving mills and tailor shops which manufactured military articles, such as tentcloth, field bags, rucksacks, etc. They were given no training in the use of firearms. They were quartered in an installation consisting of four barracks buildings, a warehouse, and several stables. *
2. The Artillery Barracks on the eastern bank of the Biala River quartered soldiers who wore Polish Army uniforms and service caps with a red band. According to local residents, the troops were artillerymen. **
3. A Major Kanikowski, (fnu), from the UB (Security Police) office in Bielsko Biala, was reassigned to the Polish Navy in Stettin (O 54/Q 55).

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* Comment. The information confirms a previous report stating that the barracks installation quartered female SP personnel.

** Comment. The Artillery Barracks probably quarters the 23d Arty Regt of the 6th Inf Div. See WGL-10945

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